
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 2, 2022

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Virtual Meeting via WebEx

Presentation by ISO New England; Regional Overview and Outlook

ISO-NE oversees the operation of New England's bulk electric power system and transmission lines, generated and transmitted by its member utilities

Eric D. Johnson, Director, External Affairs

Eric is Director of External Affairs for ISO New England, the operator of the region's electric grid. He is responsible for managing the ISO's outreach to government officials in the six New England states. He works with state and federal policymakers and regulators to educate them on ISO initiatives related to regional system planning and wholesale electricity markets. He also oversees communications with government officials during power system emergencies. He has appeared before legislative committees, public utility commissions, environmental agencies and siting boards to speak on a wide range of electricity issues.

Kerry Schlichting, Senior External Affairs Representative

Kerry Schlichting is an Senior External Affairs Representative for ISO New England, where she is responsible for performing outreach to government officials in the New England states. Kerry tracks energy legislation and administrative activity at the state public utility commissions and energy offices in Connecticut and Rhode Island, including developments at the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission and the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources. Kerry supports the ISO's outreach to government officials during power system events and emergencies, including Cold Weather Conditions Operations and Operating Procedure No. 4 – Action During a Capacity Deficiency.

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2179](#)

BY Calkin, Mendes, Mack, Anderson, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT {LC4075/1} (Requires carbon-emissions-reduction goals be considered in energy plant siting proceedings.)

02/08/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

02/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2045](#)

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT {LC3765/1} (Provides applicants/licensees for fossil fuel electricity generating facilities invest in renewable energy facilities with application denial/revocation of license for failure to comply with renewable energy requirements.)

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

02/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2178](#)

BY Sosnowski, Euer, DiMario, Miller, Pearson, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD -- SOLAR ENERGY ANALYSIS {LC3758/1} (Requires the public utilities commission to establish a docket to review and analyze solar energy development in Rhode Island.)

02/08/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

02/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2292](#)

BY Miller, Valverde, Zurier, Quezada, Sosnowski, Euer, Archambault, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ENERGY DISCLOSURE AND HOMEOWNERS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT {LC4777/1} (Provides solar energy system consumers with consumer protection regarding disclosures cancellation and liens.)

02/15/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

02/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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